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Re: Raised Bill No. 5354: AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR HOSPITALS TO ADOPT ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.

Therap Services is a company headquartered in Waterbury, Connecticut that provides commercial off the shelf web-based applications to developmental disability providers and government departments across North America.

Therap's system allows for documentation and communication surrounding individuals with developmental and other disabilities that meets requirements set by HIPAA, ARRA, and HITECH for security, accountability, and availability.

Therap started working with providers in Connecticut in 2003 and now has over 40,000 users in 43 states and provinces across the US and Canada. Therap has been mandated for statewide use by both government and private providers in Delaware, Montana, and North Dakota.

In Connecticut, Therap allows users to generate state mandated forms for incident reporting, emergency planning, Medicaid billing as well as documentation of a services provided.

Therap is participating (in conjunction with Oak Hill and Hartford Hospital) in the eHealth Connecticut Health Information Exchange). This will greatly enhance communication between medical providers and agencies supporting people with disabilities.

Therap has shown the ability to save providers at least 3 to 5% of their annual budget through the efficiencies that the system brings in terms of enhanced communication, reduced driving, higher staff efficiency, and reduction in paper and associated costs such as photocopying.

When looking at "eligible professionals" within this bill, The State of Connecticut should give priority to recognizing the significant impact of encouraging developmental disability providers (as well as the Department of Developmental Services) to adopt electronic records.

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